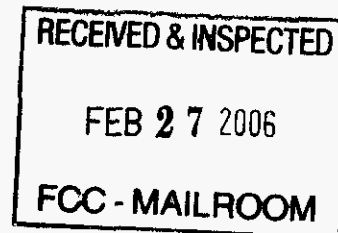


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U.S. Senate
133 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-0001

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Richard Koch FCC - MAILROOM

1426 Johnston dr., Manitowoc, Wisconsin 54220

February 05, 2006 03:01 PM

The Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear The Federal Communications Commission:

The flat-fee Universal Service Fund proposal is unfair. I urge you to oppose this plan. I am one of the millions of consumers that will be unfairly taxed at a higher rate under the flat fee plan. The flat-fee would mean a tax hike for people like me -- consumers that use prepaid cellular phones or make few long distance calls.

I support the Keep USF Fair Coalition, and monitor this issue on their website. Stopping the flat fee tax is important to my family - not to mention my pocket book. You will hear from me again, until this issue is resolved fairly! The flat-fee is unfair, and un-American.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as high-volume residential or business customers. I urge you to reject this flat-fee proposal.

Thank you.
Richard Koch

cc: FCC Chair Kevin Martin, Congress

Sincerely,


Richard Koch

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Senator Herb Kohl
Senator Russell Feingold
Representative Tom Petri

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February 16, 2006 12:14 AM

Representative Chris Cannon
U.S. House of Representatives
2436 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Representative Cannon:

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February 15, 2006 08:33 PM

FCC - Chairman Kevin Martin
445 12th St SW
Washington, DC 20554

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Mr. Martin:

Note: This is not a "form" letter - see my personal comments after the first couple paragraphs:

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Now this word directly from me & not from a "form" letter:

I'm an infrequent cell-phone user - only about 300 minutes a year. I'm sure your aware that most people use 5X this amount per month. If your observant, you will note that 99.9% of all cell calls are less-than-worthless - they waste not only the callers time, but the recipients time as well. Most of the remaining 1/10th of 1% are just simply worthless. Our economy is being severely taxed by these people who use cell phones as an amusement. A flat-rate tax would just encourage more of this abuse. In addition: cell phone technology is being largely underwritten by the US government - some say that that the government absorbs 2/3's of the cost while private wireless providers get the benefit. This goes to the taxpayer's bottom line.

If you want to stop the abuse and help our economy, please to not encourage stupid use of cell phones by applying a flat-tax - The idiots that use it indiscriminately should (and must) pay for their wasteful behavior. Quite simply: frequent users, as a rule, waste our resources and should justifiably pay more for it.

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February 11, 2006 04:21 PM

Senator Barack Obama
U.S. Senate
713 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Obama:

I OPPOSE Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Chairman Kevin J. Martin's plan to change the way taxes and fees are assessed for the Universal Service Fund.

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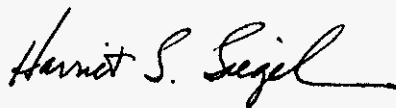
THIS IS UNFAIR!

Please pass along my concerns to the FCC. Please let them know that your constituents OPPOSE an unjust USF flat-fee plan.

Thank you for your continued fine work on behalf of your constituents. I look forward to hearing about your position on this matter.

Sincerely,

HARRIET SIEGEL



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February 17, 2006 02:40 PM

Senator Mark Pryor
U.S. Senate
257 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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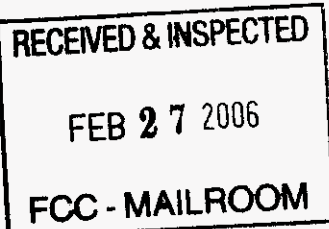
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314 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-0001

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2330 Springdale Avenue , Camden, Arkansas 71701

February 17, 2006 02:40 PM

Senator Blanche Lincoln
U.S. Senate
355 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Lincoln:

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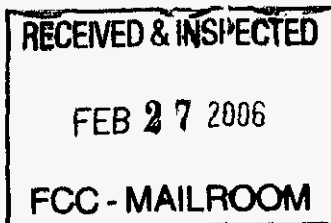
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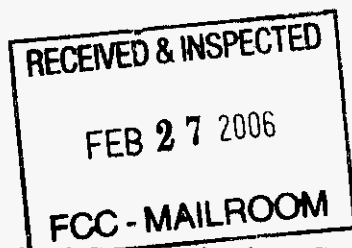
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